



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, April 6, 2025

FAITH PROFILES

When Faith Is a Desert

Read/Reflect

1. Read I Kings 19:1-18. Review the events on Mt. Carmel (I Kings 18:16ff). How do you relate to Elijah's condition after such a great and spectacular event?
2. Have you ever experienced a "wilderness" period in your faith, similar to Elijah's? If so, how did you navigate it?
3. Why do you think Elijah's response to God's question ("What are you doing here, Elijah?") remained the same even after God's powerful displays?

Explore

4. It's the "still small voice" that gets Elijah out of the cave. What do you think this voice represents, and how can we learn to hear it in our own lives?
5. What is the significance of the new mission that God gives Elijah? How does this relate to finding purpose in our own times of despair?
6. In reference to God's instruction to "get up and eat" what practical steps can we take to care for ourselves spiritually, emotionally, and physically during these periods?
7. What are some ways we can "turn our face to the Son" (Jesus) when we are feeling lost or afraid?
8. How can we better support others who are going through a "wilderness" experience in their faith?

Pray

- Pray for those (perhaps yourself) experiencing a "wilderness" period in their faith, to recognize your presence, to acknowledge your calling in their life, and to experience a community of faith.
- Pray that New Life church can be the kind of community that provides safety, encouragement, grace and patience for people walking in a faith wilderness.